

White House Aide Denies Handing on FBI Reports

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White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said yesterday that presidential counsel John W. Dean III, who received FBI reports on the Watergate investigation, did not provide the information to officials of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President.

Warren was responding to an affidavit signed by a former Nixon committee employee, Judith Hoback, that said within 48 hours of a supposedly confidential FBI interview, she was called to explain her actions to Nixon committee attorneys.

Several Democratic staff members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have said that they are assuming that Dean gave the Nixon committee the information on Mrs. Hoback's confidential interview unless Dean tells them otherwise.

Dean denied this yesterday through White House spokesman Warren, who added that Dean did not have the information about the Hoback in-

terview when Mrs. Hoback says she was questioned by Nixon committee attorneys.

Warren said that he was "flatly" denying the possibility that Dean was the source of the information to the Nixon Committee.

DeVan L. Shumway, the Nixon committee spokesman, supported this yesterday by saying that "the information that Mrs. Hoback had had a private discussion with the FBI did not come to the committee from Dean or the FBI. It came from employees of the committee with whom she had discussed her separate interview."

Mrs. Hoback said in her affidavit that "to my knowledge I had not informed anyone of my interviews with the FBI and the interviews were in confidence and no one else knew."

She told a reporter Monday, "You do something in confidence and it shatters you a little to learn it's been broken." She said she did not know who broke that confidence.